

STROUD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILMEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH. ANNUAL REPORT 1943

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Circulars 2773 and 10144 this report deals only with essential and urgent matters which have affected the Public Health.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever was especially prevalent in the latter part of the year, 138 cases being notified in 1943 as compared with 48 in 1942.

DIPHTHERIA

Six cases were notified as compared with 10 last year; of these three proved not to be Diphtheria after admission to hospital and the other three were mild cases in non-immunised persons (ages 7, 11 & 19). The Scheme for free inoculation has been continued, and at the end of the year it was estimated that over 90% of children 1-15 years had received treatment.

CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER

No cases were notified as compared with 5 cases in 1942, 7 in 1941 and 14 in 1940.

FOOD POISONING

One isolated case was notified due to B. enteritidis Gaertner found after death by perforation. The source of infection was never traced.

TUBERCULOSIS

28 cases were notified as compared with 24 in 1942, 21 in 1941, 23 in 1940 and 22 in 1939.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supplied by the Stroud District Water Board is regularly tested and maintains its high quality. Several parishes in the area have to rely for their water supply on wells and springs which often show evidence of undesirable pollution.

<u>STATISTICS</u>	<u>BIRTH RATE</u>	17.1 per 1,000 as compared with 17.0 per 1,000 past year
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	<u>DEATH RATE</u>	12.8 per 1,000 as compared with 12.6 per 1,000 ast year.
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	<u>INFANTILE MORTALITY</u>	50.5 per 1,000 as compared with 34 per 1,000 last year.
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	<u>TUBERCULOSIS</u> (All forms)	511 per million as compared with 386, 441, 595, 448 per million in 1942, 1941, 1940 and 1939 respectively.
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I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

Nicholas Adams

Medical Officer of Health.

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